

Texas Tech University System

Regulation 07.04

Freedom of Expression

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1. Purpose

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- a. The University's common outdoor areas (operated and either owned or leased by the University) are deemed traditional public forums, and any person is permitted to engage in expressive activities in those areas of the University campus.
 - b. The University reserves the right to implement and enforce reasonable time, place, and manner restrictions regarding expressive activities including, but not limited to, those set forth in this regulation. Further, activities that are unlawful or that materially and substantially disrupt the normal operations of the University's campus are prohibited. Expressive activities on University grounds do not imply endorsement by the University.

3. General Guidelines and Policy Regarding Expressive Activities

- a. *Applicability.* This regulation applies to all expressive activities of any person in the University's outdoor common areas. This regulation does not apply to the activities of the University itself. Individuals may engage in expressive activities without prior reservation, registration, or approval, provided such activities are conducted pursuant to applicable law as well as System and University policy.
- b. *Prohibited Commercial Activities.* For purposes of this regulation, expressive activities do not include commercial speech. As such, commercial activities are prohibited on University grounds without a prior written agreement with the University.

- c. *Other Prohibited Activities.* Groups or individuals engaging in materially and substantially disruptive activities, or those failing to comply with applicable laws or System or University policy, may face immediate removal from University premises and/or other appropriate actions by University officials, including University police.
- d. *Reservation of Outdoor Common Areas.* Each University may adopt operating policies and procedures regarding the reservation of outdoor common areas by individuals or groups for the purpose of engaging in expressive activities. Such operating policies and procedures must be sent to the Office of General Counsel for review. If any area of the University's outdoor common areas has been reserved, the reserving individual or group shall be given priority for use of such area.
- e. *Damage Caused by Expressive Activities.* Groups or individuals are responsible for any damage and harm to persons and property that arise from expressive activities.

4. Reasonable Time, Place, and Manner Restrictions

